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Briefly



No movies

The Holloman Base Theater will be closed beginning Monday through Aug. 10 as the sound system and building are upgraded. The next movie will be scheduled for 7 p.m., Aug. 14.

Calling all cooks!

The Holloman Birthday Ball Committee challenges Team Holloman members to a chili cook-off.

Show off your culinary skills, earn bragging rights, and win a free ticket to October's Air Force Ball. Contact Lisa Sanchez, 572-5507, by July 31 for information or to enter.

Fightin' 49ers on TV

The program on the first air strike of Operation Iraqi Freedom will air at 7 p.m., Sunday on the Discovery Channel. The one-hour documentary, "Hunting Saddam," will feature the 49th Fighter Wing's historical efforts.

RED HORSE impacts on base airfield

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Eighteen people and several trucks full of equipment have "deployed" to Holloman to help improve the airfield.

The Rapid Emergency Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers, or as they're more commonly known — RED HORSE, arrived here June 16 from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to build three airfield service roads for the base and hone their wartime capabilities. The service roads will improve fire department emergency responses and improve access for airfield maintenance personnel.

"Our old interior roads on the airfield were in bad shape and were in poor locations," said John Morgan, Chief of Design for the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron's engineer flight. "The new roads will be in much better locations and will enable not only better emergency response on the airfield,



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Staff Sgt. Heath Robertson (left) spreads gravel as Staff Sgt. Shawn Croutcher compacts a new access road on the Holloman airfield. Members of the 820th RED HORSE Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., started the airfield project June 16. The RED HORSE unit's work saves the base approximately \$200,000 in construction costs.

but better maintenance access for communications, aircraft barriers and other airfield equipment.

This project benefits Holloman by accomplishing the project without having to contract out for it, but it also

helps the RED HORSE team as well, according to Master Sgt. Derrick Grames, team supervisor.

"We're a detachment at Nellis and

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AF announces force structure changes

The Air Force will lose 2,260 military and 2,839 civilian manpower positions, and 1,055 reserve drill authorizations next year, according to the 2004 force-structure announcement released July 23.

The 49th Fighter Wing loses 28 civilian authorizations as a result of a workforce reshaping process; the

846th Test Squadron loses one civilian authorization as a result of mission adjustment at the high-speed test track; and the 46th Test Group loses one military and 10 civilian authorizations as a result of workforce reshaping.

"This realignment of active duty and civilian manpower authorizations will better support the

service's highest priority mission requirements — specifically, the global war on terrorism," said Maj. John Bryan, director of public affairs here.

Many other bases, both active duty and reserve component, are affected by the realignment. In many cases, units will gain aircraft

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Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

49 CES welcomes new 'bull' to town

by 1st Lt.
Heather Newcomb
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Change was in the air for the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron when a new commander took hold of the reigns July 16 during the squadron's change of command ceremony.

Lt. Col. David DeMartino became the new leading "Desert Bull" when the squadron's guidon passed from Lt. Col. Juan Ibanez, outgoing 49 CES commander, through Col. Raymond Dinsmore, 49th Mission Support Group commander, to him.

Coming from an Air Force family, DeMartino is excited to become a member of Team Holloman.

"As a result of spending my life around the Air Force and CE, I consider this as much my family as I consider it my job," DeMartino said. "Dawn and I are particularly excited about being at Holloman and becoming Fightin' 49ers!"

Team Holloman is excited to have him here as well.

"We're delighted to get Dave here," Dinsmore said. "I'm confident he has the experience, the enthusiasm and the leadership to succeed as commander of the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron."

DeMartino's first interaction with members of Team Holloman was in 1999 when he assisted with the bed-down of those forty-niners deployed to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, in support of Operation Allied Force. However, his connection with Holloman is more intimate than that.

"There is a member of the 49th CES, Mr. John Morgan, who introduced me to my wife, Dawn, nearly 12 years ago," DeMartino said. "More

recently, I had the opportunity to visit Holloman while assigned to the ACC staff. During the trip, I met more of

the people, including members of this CE squadron to include the godfather of Holloman, Howard Moffitt.

"I was impressed with the attitude and 'mission focus' of the people," he said. "I left with the same impression I had



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

DeMartino

in 1999 – this is a great unit, a great wing, a great mission and I'm honored to be able to join your team."

The Air Force is all about the people and the work they do throughout the base, DeMartino said.

"People execute the Air Force mission," he said. "These same people have influenced my entire life serving as my teacher, my babysitter, my coach, my best man, my mentor and my friend."

These people, DeMartino said, have taught him the importance of words like attitude, integrity and duty, lessons not often taught outside the military.

"As your squadron commander, I intend to demonstrate, to pass on, what I've learned about these words in my nearly 40 years around the Air Force because you are the most important responsibility to me as commander," he said.

Ibanez moves on to Headquarters ACC as Chief of Civil Engineer Readiness. Before he left, DeMartino had a few words to say about him.

"I'd like to thank Lt. Col. Juan Ibanez and Grace for the hospitality shown to Dawn and me, and for the great squadron you now leave in our care," he said. "Your leadership has made a positive impact on the people of this squadron and the people of this wing."

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Legal professionals become ‘JAG Corps’

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

Air Force lawyers, paralegals and court reporters are no longer part of the Judge Advocate General’s Department; they are now in the “JAG Corps.”

The change is part of two secretary of the Air Force directives designed to eliminate confusion and clarify the duties and responsibilities of the JAG and the Air Force General Counsel.

The name change does not create any changes in reporting requirements, assignments or responsibilities, said Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, the judge advocate of the Air Force.

The second secretarial directive shifts some responsibilities. Legislation and standards of conduct at the Air Force headquarters level move to the general counsel, while contractor bid protests move to the JAG.

“In terms of the overall Air Force, the order reaffirms the status of the GC as the chief legal officer of the Air Force, and reaffirms (the) JAG’s roles

with respect to the military justice system and operational matters,” Fiscus said.

According to Fiscus, the service adopted the term “department” as a carryover from its Army roots. Later, the Army and Navy changed their JAG departments to “corps,” but the Air Force kept the department title because leaders at the time felt the term corps implied too much autonomy.

“Our first JAG ... did not want to become a ‘corps’ because he wanted JAGs to work directly for their commanders, to be close by them,” Fiscus said.

Maj. Gen. Reginald Harmon’s vision proved so successful that Air Force leaders are now ready for the name change, Fiscus said.

“We’ve integrated extremely closely with commanders and established that relationship indelibly,” he said.

Besides reinforcing the relationship with the general counsel’s office, Fiscus said the secretary’s directives bring JAG more in line with the public’s conception of the military



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Staff Sgt. Brian Mans, paralegal, assists a customer in the base legal office. According to Lt. Col. Gary Spencer, Holloman’s Judge Advocate General, the name change is an easy transition here and won’t impact service to Team Holloman. “We still work hand-in-hand with commanders here as well as the base community,” he said.

legal profession.

“In some ways, we have a more readily identifiable identity because of the TV show ‘JAG,’” he said. “If you had asked the average person in the Air Force what JAGs were referred to as, they’d automatically say ‘the JAG Corps.’”

The newly minted JAG Corps faces a future of growing responsibility,

Fiscus said.

“The future is really bright for judge advocates and all members of the JAG Corps,” he said.

“JAGs are heavily operational, working side-by-side with commanders in air operations centers. That’s going to continue (because) commanders increasingly value things the JAG Corps brings to the table.”

Xerescape improves base appearance, conservation



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Raymond Sanchez, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, moves dirt with a bobcat behind the 49th Fighter Wing headquarters building.

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Fighter Wing headquarters building is taking on a desert look.

Kent Smith, 49th CES Structure Shop maintenance superintendent, said the xerescaping project is part of an ongoing effort to move the base toward desert landscaping.

“You save money and water usage tremendously,” Smith said.

Building 29 previously had grass, trees and shrubbery which required sprinkler systems and frequent watering to maintain.

The new landscaping only needs watering until the cacti are established.

Removing the sprinkler system also reduces the chance of damage from water main breaks, which can create sink holes and destroy the building’s foundation.

The team, comprised of members of the 49th CES, has already removed the grass from around the building, cut down a tree that was falling down, taken out shrubs and is starting to put new landscape elements into place.

The project started about a month ago, Smith said. He expects the work to be completed before the end of August.

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mobility is a big part of our job,” he said. “With trips like this, we can train on packing up our equipment and mobilizing it to go to another location – just as we would in a contingency situation.”

The RED HORSE team travels with a staff of heavy-vehicle operators and their own vehicle maintainer, so it relies little on the host unit for support.

“While we have our own equipment, funding and procurement system, the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron and other Holloman units have definitely ‘had our

back’ since even before we’ve arrived,” said Grames. “Whether it was our ever-changing lodging requirements or the regular inspections of our work and progress, the people of Team Holloman have gone out of their way to make this trip as easy as possible for us.”

That’s the least Holloman can do for the improvements the RED HORSE team is making, said Morgan. “The RED HORSE team has consistently supported Holloman AFB by taking about one project per year and since Air Combat Command funds their work, their work is above and beyond what the base would normally receive. This project cost about \$250,000 to complete and saved the

base about \$200,000 when compared to a contract cost,” he said.

Another helping hand for the team has come from the cooperative weather. No stranger to the desert heat, the team has worked long hours for six days a week since they’ve arrive and now find themselves nearly two weeks ahead of schedule.

“We had a timeline when we came here,” Grames said. “We have a list of daily accomplishments and things have gone so well since we started that we’re now about 12 days ahead of our schedule.”

The team is scheduled to return to Nellis Sept. 13.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents July 15 to 21.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 35 citations this week: one for driving under the influence, one for failure to wear a safety belt, two for limitations on backing, two for no insurance, three for parking violations, one for a seatbelt violation, one for slow to yield and yield to vehicles already in an intersection or so close to create an immediate hazard, five for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, one for speeding 10 mph over the posted speed limit and no license, 13 for speeding 10 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, one for speeding 16 mph over the posted speed limit and no insurance, two for speeding 20 to 30 mph over the posted speed limit, and two for driving without regard for road width, grade, curves or corners.

Property loss, theft or damage

- July 15: A civilian reported five pieces of wood, valued at approximately \$80, missing from the Officers' Club.
- July 16: An airman reported his dorm room window broken in building 333.
- July 17: A civilian reported his privately owned vehicle was struck by another POV operated by a family member as he made a left turn out of the clinic parking lot.
- July 17: An airman reported vandalism to his motorcycle.
- July 18: A family member reported backing her POV into a forklift as she left her parking spot.

- July 20: An airman reported approximately \$500 worth of damage to his POV.
- July 20: An airman reported an accident at the visitor center parking lot involving two POVs.
- July 21: An airman reported items missing from his dorm room upon returning from temporary duty.

Patrol response

- July 15: An airman reported he had been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown female.
- July 15: A “be on the look out” was issued for an NCO after the NCO did not report to his unit after being given a direct order.
- July 18: Two airman were advised of their rights under Article 31, after being found to be consuming an alcoholic beverage under age.
- July 18: A civilian employee at AAFES reported an individual had left the Shoppette without paying for \$22.40 of fuel.
- July 20: A civilian employee at AAFES reported an individual had left the Shoppette without paying for \$15.13 of fuel.
- July 20: An airman reported he had been receiving harassing phone calls.

Civil arrest

- July 20: An airman was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a bench warrant for failure to pay fines or costs previously imposed. The airman was released on his own recognizance.

Stolen, lost, missing or confiscated ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces at 572-7171 immediately.

If you have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial “911”.

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and missions, while others will pare down. Besides manpower reductions, the realignment formally announces the retirement of the C-9A Nightingale and KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft. According to Air Force officials, the 20 C-9s are being retired because of reduced-patient movement, range limitations and increasing maintenance and upgrade costs. The aeromedical-evacuation mission will become a requirements-based system using all passenger-capable aircraft. The service will retire 44 of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command's 43-year-old KC-135Es next year, replacing them with 24 KC-135Rs from the active-duty fleet. By the end of fiscal 2006, the Air Force will

have retired 68 of the KC-135Es. Among the changes at Kirtland Air Force Base, the 377th Air Base Wing loses 18 military and 38 civilian authorizations and the Air Force Material Command Office of Aerospace Studies loses one military and two civilian authorizations as a result of workforce reshaping. The 58th Special Operations Wing gains 37 military positions to support increases in Combat Search and Rescue and loses eight military and four civilian authorizations as a result of workforce reshaping. At Cannon Air Force Base, the 27th Fighter Wing loses eight military and 19 civilian authorizations as a result of workforce reshaping. For the complete list of realignments, visit www.af.mil/forcestructure04/force_structure2004.html. (AFPN)

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Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Mitchell Newman

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Refueling vehicle maintenance apprentice

Time in service: 14 months

Time at Holloman: Eight months

Personal and career goals: To continue a wonderful marriage, learn all I can about the vehicle maintenance career field and progress in the Air Force. I would also like to obtain the highest education level possible.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because every day on active duty presents me with tasks that make this county a safer place to live. Essentially, I'm helping many people every day, and that's a good feeling.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

The biggest accomplishment of my career is the knowledge I've gained already. I have gained the knowledge necessary to accomplish the mission of my duty section and provide training to others as well. I am proud to be part of such a professional team.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Mitchell exemplifies this core value in personal appearance, duty performance and in the example he sets for his peers. Shortly after arriving at Holloman, his duty section experienced the PCS of the NCOIC and the deployment of the Assistant NCOIC leaving only one experienced mechanic in the shop. He stepped up to the plate and learned quickly; a monumental task on complicated aircraft refueling equipment. Mitchell excels in this environment and is an esteemed member of the Refueling Maintenance Combat Vehicle Team as well as Team Holloman.

– Lt. Col. Calvin Butts

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Holloman Hotline

572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Leave your name and phone number so the office of primary concern can contact you. Before submitting a Hotline,

please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem. If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, please contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

DWI Update

Days since
last DWI
DWIs year
to date
DWIs this time
last year

14
16
14

Last six DWIs:

• 49 CES	July 7
• 49 MXS	June 26
• 49 LRS	June 12
• 49 MMS	June 7
• 49 MXS*	May 31
• 49 LRS*	March 2

572-RIDE works!

*Calls MADE are
lives SAVED.*

Calls:
Year to date: 301
Last week: 8

*(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The * denotes family member or civilian employee.)*

Holloman Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.	• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.	• Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.	• Protestant and Catholic Religious Education resumes Sept. 14

Call 572-7214 for more information.

49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sharing the Road: Motorcycles and Cars: 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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12 AF/CC says farewell

Lt. Gen. William T. Hobbins
Commander, Twelfth Air Force

Unbeknownst to most of you, I've got a twenty-year record here with almost three years at the helm of Twelfth Air Force — I'm very happy to claim that. While here, I've had the distinct honor of commanding more than 33,000 of America's most dedicated and capable airmen.



Hobbins

Although my tenure at Twelfth may seem long, it has flown by because of the sheer enjoyment of working with our magnificent airmen, civilians and families. During that time, there have been perhaps too many successes and achievements to list, so I would like to first highlight a few of the lesser known, but to me, worthy missions of USSOUTHAF and Twelfth Air Force.

While most people think that the only mission of Twelfth Air Force is to put bombs on target and defeat the enemy at every turn (which we do very well); it is heartwarming to reflect that in the past three years we have made a significant and lasting personal impact in bettering thousands of impoverished lives around the globe.

In 2002 alone, 29 Medical Readiness Training Exercises deployed to 11 countries and treated 107,735 patients, conducted 404 surgeries and trained 503 medics. Through the New Horizons programs, we constructed schools, clinics and wells to improve the living conditions of remote sites in Latin America.

Spouses groups, the Top Three and a host of squadrons and groups conducted donation drives to deliver needed books, education supplies, shoes, toiletries, glasses, and clothing for orphanages and shelters for homeless children in Latin America.

Our forward operating locations in Soto Cano, Honduras; Manta, Ecuador; Curacao, Aruba, and Puerto Rico aided local communities through charities and by volunteering thousands of hours to assist in neighboring schools and clinics.

The Coronet Oak C-130 mission out of Puerto Rico, in addition to their regular duties, also graciously delivered Christmas presents on a space-available basis throughout Latin America.

In short, you, the men and women of Twelfth Air Force, have made a permanent

and meaningful change in the lives of those less fortunate. I thank you on their behalf.

I would offer a "very well done" in our more "traditional" accomplishments. The active, reserve and guard components of Twelfth deployed thousands of people and equipment to ensure our success in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Our active duty wings, Direct Reporting Units, and gained guard and reserve wings, collectively fought the war on terror by protecting our skies, protecting our forces and prosecuting the war in Iraq. In addition, many of our talented and dedicated airmen provided air and ground security for the winter Olympics.

The Combined Air Operations Center, with hundreds of Twelfth Air Force airmen and civilians, coordinated over 25,000 sorties and delivered more than 19,000 munitions to their targets. They used their invaluable Joint Expeditionary Forces Experiment '02 expertise and software to speed information to the warfighter and ensure effective air and space command and control.

I am looking forward to my future duties as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration because they are directly related to COMACC and our chief's vision — to develop our Air Operations Center as a weapon system.

We can also take great pride in the standup of the first ever 612th Theater Operations Group. This unit prosecuted the war on terror by working with the forward operating location commanders in Latin America. All of these commanders directly assisted host nations, all of the services, and interagencies in vital counter drug operations.

From the airman on the flight line to those on staffs, we have all lived through difficult times, yet they continue to excel at all of our core competencies.

The bottom line is that the Twelfth Air Force has been fortunate for our active, guard and reserve wings and DRU commanders' leadership, perseverance and dedication. I would hail our civilians' unrelenting pursuit of excellence. Your contributions and experience are invaluable and sincerely appreciated by our Air Force.

As I head to the bedlam of the Beltway, we will miss the city that Robbin and I have called home for three years. We have been so fortunate to come to know base and community civilian leaders, like the Davis Monthan Fifty, and peerless professionals from Argentina to South Dakota, literally from sea to shining sea. In this age of history changing events, I believe you made a lasting difference. Thank you, farewell, and keep chargin'!



The wheels on the bus ...

(Above) Senior Airman Christopher Lynch and Senior Airman Michael Notz, vehicle maintainers with the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, inspect the engine compartment and check fluid levels on a new surrey bus in the vehicle maintenance garage as part of the vehicle in-check process. (Right) Lynch checks the wheels and suspension before the bus can be added to the Holloman inventory. Holloman vehicle maintainers have received and processed more than 30 new vehicles since the beginning of summer.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle

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Common Access Card: the smart new military ID

by Airman 1st Class

Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense is moving into the computer-aged millennium with a Common Access Card.

The CAC is a major smart card initiative currently underway that will ideally serve as a standard identification card for active-duty military personnel, DoD civilian employees and eligible contractor personnel. The smart card will allow members physical access to buildings, controlled spaces, computer network systems and will serve as a platform for the Public Key Infrastructure authentication token, or e-mail encryption.

Eventually, cardholders will use the CAC for security, travel, Internet purchasing, networking, database access, e-mail and emergency medical information.

“The new card will perform more functions than the current ID card,” said Staff Sgt. Suzanne Lule, CAC customer service NCOIC. “This will eliminate carrying a pocketful of cards and information because all that information will be stored on one small card.”

A smart card is the size of a credit card and has a microprocessor chip and memory that have greater storage capacity than a traditional magnetic stripe card.

“The card is more reliable, performs multiple functions and is more secure,” Lule said. “These cards have high security mechanisms like encryption and biometrics capabilities.”

The card is small, portable and can interact with computers and other automated systems. The data they carry can be updated instantaneously.

Other advantages to the CAC are:

- Identification and authentication assures people and systems are who and what they claim to be.
- Data integrity protects against unauthorized changes in data whether intentional or accidental.
- Protects against a person who denies that a communication or transaction took place.
- Confidentiality protects against the disclosure of information to unauthorized users.

These advantages are for the user and the Department of Defense. The user must protect the CAC and report any loss of the card or private key to CAC representatives.

“It’s virtually impossible to duplicate a smart card,” said Lule.

Since 1993, DoD has been evaluating smart card technology. The Deputy Secretary of Defense established the smart card technology office in 1997. Now the DoD is implementing the new card.

The CAC is a 32-kilobyte JAVA-based smart card that contains three privacy key certificates and about 30 personal demographic data elements. The card supports multiple bar codes and has a magnetic stripe.

“The cards contain selected, abbreviated data relating to work functions, benefits and privileges,” Lule said. “A multi-application smart card is geared toward making the cardholder’s life easier.”

All active-duty members must receive a Common Access Card by October 2003.

“We request patience from the members receiving the smart card,” Lule said.

“Our staff will do their best to accommodate the customer service needs of Team Holloman members at the Military Personnel Flight,” said Master Sgt. Glen Best, superintendent. “Our customers may have to wait longer, but we’re working as a team to issue new smart cards and at the same time serve the base’s personnel needs. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

If you use a government computer, you'll use the privacy key certificates on your common access card to log on to your computer, digitally sign and encrypt e-mail and other documents, and establish secure Internet sessions. Contact your unit's common access card coordinator or orderly room to find out about your unit's CAC schedule or to have an individual appointment set up.

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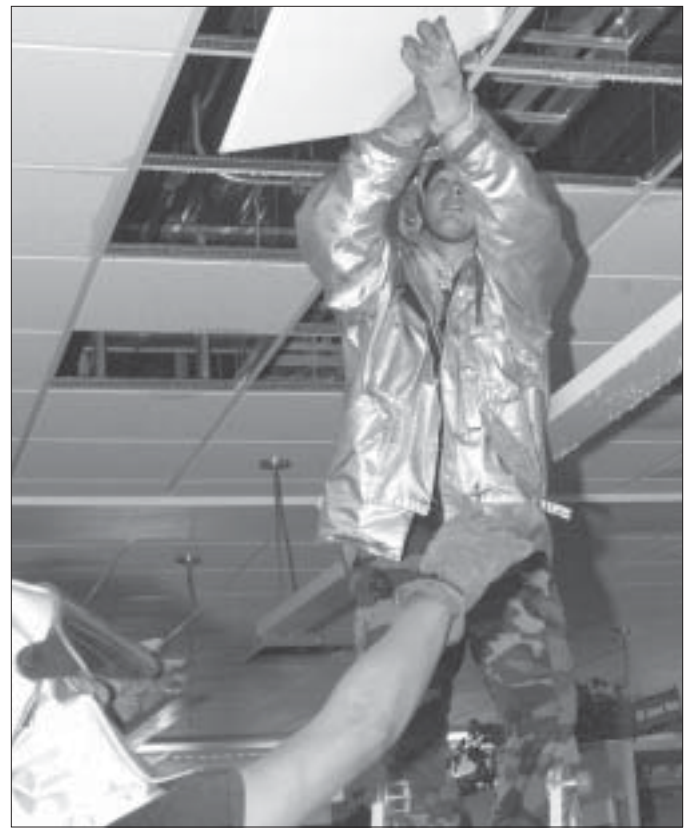


Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Cram

Drippy dilemma

Airman Clinton Ross, 49th Civil Engineer Fire Protection Flight, removes wet ceiling tiles at the base library Wednesday. A sprinkler system pipe in the ceiling burst, damaging books and carpet. The library was closed for two days, but is scheduled to reopen today.

Air Force announces selections for major

The 2003A promotion board considering captains in the line of the Air Force, Judge Advocate General, Chaplain, Medical Service Corps, Biomedical Sciences Corps and Nurse Corps, recently selected 2,215 people for promotion to major.

Air Force Personnel Center officials expect to have the entire list available on the AFPC home page, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, after 3 p.m. today.

The boards convened at AFPC May 5 and considered 3,036 officers for promotion. The results of the boards are (*all numbers rounded to the nearest tenth*):

Selection statistics for those in the promotion zone for major:

- Line — 1,824 selected from 1,973 considered, for a 92.4-percent select rate.
- Chaplain — 16 selected from 20 considered for an 80-percent select rate.

- Judge Advocate General — 73 selected from 78 considered for a 93.6-percent select rate.

- Nurse Corps — 81 selected from 114 considered for a 71.1-percent select rate.

- Medical Service Corps — 36 selected from 39 considered for 92.3-percent select rate.

- Biomedical Sciences Corps — 112 selected from 131 considered for an 85.5-percent select rate

For those above the promotion zone:

- Line — 51 selected from 542 considered.

- Chaplain — 1 selected from six considered.

- Judge Advocate General — two selected from four considered.

- Nurse Corps — 11 selected from 98 considered .

- Medical Service Corps — two selected from 10 considered.

- Biomedical Sciences Corps — 6 selected from 21 considered.

Sertoma speedway

Outdoor Recreation offers transportation to Sertoma Speedway at 6 p.m., every Friday. Cost is \$6.50 per person for transportation and general admission. Sign up each Wednesday through Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

What do you think?

Holloman officials are conducting a study to profile important information about the economic impact of Holloman Air Force Base in the region. The survey, which requires no identifying information, is being distributed on paper and over the Internet. Team Holloman members can take the survey online at http://ipeds.utep.edu/HAFB_survey_1.php.

FSC classes

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse Employment Workshop: 12:30 p.m., Monday.
- Stress Management: 8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday.
- Resume Writing for Adults: 1:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday.

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Air Force news

Team Holloman members who live on or off base can tune into the Air Force news at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., every day on channels one and 97. The video also plays on the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 3, on base) at 6, 9, and 11 a.m., and 2, 5, and 7 p.m.

Cosmic bowling

Cosmic Bowling is from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday and Saturday at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Cost is \$7 for up to four games and shoe rentals are 75 cents. Open bowling is 1 to 3 a.m. for \$1.75 per game.

The Bowling Center also offers a Summer special for \$1 per game from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday and \$1.50 per game 4 to 10 p.m. This

On the BIG SCREEN

Wrong Turn

R, 7 p.m., today

Hollywood Homicide

PG-13, 7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

Rugrats Go Wild

G, 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday, and 7 p.m., Thursday.

*Movies are subject to change.
For more information, call 572-3286.*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Learning about learning

Liz Urdahl, a volunteer for Park University, helps a prospective student during the Education Fair Friday. Hundreds of people came out for the food and fun, as well as information about educational opportunities offered at the Holloman Education Center.

special runs all summer.

For more information, call Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 572-7378.

Center closure

In support of the Air Combat Command Teen Lock-in, the Youth and Teen Center will be closed Saturday.

Summer of the airman

The Airman's Advisory Council hosts a Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 16, at the Enlisted Club. A Cajun-style buffet will be served. A designated driver program will be available for the night.

School registration

Please note that parents of all students must register their children during the following times, even if they are attending the same school as last year: Grades K through 8 is from 8 a.m. to noon, August 6, 7 and 8. Alamogordo High School registers 8:30 a.m. to noon, August 12

and 13 in the high school cafeteria.

Classes start for all students August 21. New students will need a copy of a birth certificate, social security card, and vaccination record in order to register.

MSS closure

Due to a flight function, The Military Personnel Flight will be at minimum manning from 1 to 4: 30 p.m., Aug. 8.

Kids' play zone

The Kidsports Zone in the Whispering Sands Community Center is open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. This play zone is for children up to 10 years old with parental supervision at all times. Cost is \$20 for a 30-visit pass, \$10 for a 13-visit pass, \$5 for a 6-visit pass, and \$1 for a two-hour visit.

Golf

The Apache Mesa Golf Course offers a summer special every Monday. Golf

with a cart and play 18 holes for only \$15.

For more information call 572-3574.

American Grille

The American Grille is now open from 4 to 8 p.m. every Sunday. Holloman's premiere restaurant, located at the officers' club, is open to all ranks.

Heritage month

Native American and Indian heritage month is in November. If anyone is interested in serving on this year's committee, contact the Military Equal Opportunity office at 572-3032.

Graduation

Airman Leadership School graduation banquet is at 6 p.m., August 5 in the ballroom of the Oasis Enlisted Club. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family, and friends are invited to join the graduates in celebrating. Please see any ALS student for a ticket.

The menu is roast turkey with dressing (club members, \$15, non-club members, \$17) or grilled chicken salad with poppy seed dressing (club members, \$10, non-club members, \$12). Make reservations with a student by today.

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard seeks new recruits. For more information, talk to a cadre member, go to building 273, or call 572-2077.

Watering schedule

The base watering schedule is as follows:

- Odd numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays between 5 and 9 a.m. or between 5 and 9 p.m.
- Even numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays between 5 and 9 a.m. or between 5 and 9 p.m.
- Water newly seeded areas daily (kept moist) until the first mowing.
- Water flowers in beds, pots, or other containers by hand as needed.

APDC graduation

The Airman Professional Development Course class graduation is at 4:15 p.m., Aug. 7 in room 206 of the Base Education and Training Center. The event is open to all supervisors, first sergeants and commanders.

Family advocacy workshop

The Family Advocacy Specific Training and Dynamics of Family Abuse workshop is 2 to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 15 in the Community Center. All commanders, first sergeants and supervisors are highly encouraged to attend.

Vehicles damage base lands

by Dr. Hildy Reiser
49th Civil Engineer Squadron

As stewards of nearly 25 million acres of land in the United States, and with operations and activities that affect the quality of the nation’s air, water, soil and cultural treasures, we, in the Department of Defense have seized the mandate to treat natural resources responsibly.

— Gen. John M. Shalikashvili,
former Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Have we on Holloman Air Force Base been the best stewards of the land in our care? Everyone on base has a responsibility to protect our natural resources.

However, a series of recent incidents reported to the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Environmental Flight points to a different conclusion.

Unauthorized off-road recreational and military activities are still occurring on Holloman even though off-road driving is prohibited. Areas on base where the worst abuse has occurred include Lost River, Malone Draw, Carter Draw and Dillard Draw.

Some of the specific incidents include military vehicles becoming stuck in Dillard Draw, a designated jurisdictional wetlands; and civilians getting stuck in Lost River, a protected habitat area for the White Sands pupfish.

What exactly makes the environment of Holloman so fragile and susceptible to damage from off-road vehicles and other ground disturbing activities? Holloman is located in the Chihuahuan Desert, and even though the average rainfall on base is only eight inches per year, the Chihuahuan Desert



Courtesy photo

A military five-ton truck was mired near Dillard Draw recently. Damage caused by off-roaders and military vehicles take from 30 to 250 years to recover and harms area wildlife.

is one of the world’s most biologically diverse deserts in almost any category – from vegetation to animals to birds.

For example, on Holloman, over 225 species of birds have been recorded. But given the very limited amount of precipitation, means that growth and re-establishment of plants occurs very slowly.

Scars formed by off-roading heal very slowly, if ever, because of the harsh environmental conditions in this region. Also, the types of soil found on Holloman are very susceptible to erosion, especially when vegetation is removed or when specialized soil surface organisms, called cryptogams, are destroyed.

Once that happens, erosion becomes much more significant. And cryptogamic soil doesn’t regenerate quickly. Growth rate studies show that it can take 30 to 250 years to fully recover from disturbances.

The continuing abuse by unauthorized off-road vehicles has also put several rare animals and sensitive habitats at risk. One animal is the White Sands pupfish. This small, minnow-like fish is the only native fish found in the Tularosa Basin. Between one and two inches in length, it lives in water that is twice as salty as seawater that reaches summer temperatures of over 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

This fish is only found on Holloman and White Sands Missile Range — nowhere else in the world. Under a Cooperative Agreement

signed in 1994 by Holloman, White Sands Missile Range, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and White Sands National Monument, Holloman accepted the responsibility to protect this unique species.

As part of this commitment, everyone should be aware that the 300-foot zone to either side of the Lost River, Malone and Ritas Draw area is designated an essential habitat, and is off limits to motorized vehicles.

No horseback riding is allowed across these draws where surface water is present or where the draws are muddy. In addition, horses should not be ridden within five meters or 15 feet of the bank edges.

Two other species at risk are the Western Snowy Plover and the Mountain Plover, both small shorebirds. The Mountain Plover has been proposed for federal listing by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, primarily because of its limited breeding distribution. The breeding area of these birds and many other shorebirds (Stinky Playa and other mud flats around Lake Holloman) are off limits to off-road vehicle use as well as horse and foot travel.

Security forces patrol these areas and investigate reports of off-road driving immediately. Please contact the Environmental Flight at 572-3931 if you have any questions.

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Everyone’s an artist at Consolidated Skills

by 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Holloman Consolidated Skills Center is a busy place this summer, where many Team Holloman members are finding a way to artistically express themselves.

The center provides many classes including pottery, framing, basket weaving, and quilting classes just to name a few, which are available to all Team Holloman members and their families.

One of the center’s newest classes is the horsehair pottery class. Horse or human hair is placed on the clay and then the object is heated to a high temperature. At 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit the object is removed from the kiln, and a completely individual piece of art is created.

“Horsehair pottery is an extremely unique process because every pot is dif-

ferent from the next,” said Eva Van Horn, an instructor of pottery and ceramics. “You can never guess what the piece will look like, until it’s completed.”

Dry brushing is another unique class individuals can sign up for. Dry brushing involves forming a piece of clay into a bisque state. Then the piece is painted black, and other colors are added later giving the form a multi-layered look.

“It’s important to know that anyone can learn how to hand throw pots,” Van Horn said.

The center not only provides an outlet for creativity, but also serves as a social center for many people on base.

“I like the people here,” said Heidi Jaeger, whose husband Roland is an English interpreter for the German air force. “Everyone is very nice at the center, and coming here helps me to improve my English.”

“We want more people to take advan-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle

Marianne Junghanss, wife of German air force Staff Sgt. Dominic Junghanss, paints figurines at the Consolidated Skills Center.

tage of our classes,” Van Horn said. “These are crafts that people can learn quite easily by attending our classes.”

Pottery classes are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9a.m. to

11a.m. Youth classes are also available and the next class for children begins August 12.

For more information contact the Consolidated Skills Center at 572-3760.

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Chief 'ripped up' on improvement

Motivation, perspective key to his success

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

For a member of the 49th Maintenance Group, exercise and a balanced diet isn't just a fad, it's now a way of life.

Chief Master Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez, 49th MXS Quality Assurance Evaluation chief, started bodybuilding when he was 35. Now, at 42, he combined nutrition with weightlifting and started a new lifestyle.

"Body building is a way to balance life," he said. "It's a stress reliever."

Rodriguez has competed in four bodybuilding competitions over the past five years. He started competing on a dare.

"Some guys at Hickam (Air Force Base) challenged me to do a show," Rodriguez said. "I've been hooked ever since."

He placed third in the Mid-USA New Mexico State Body Building Championships last weekend. In his previous competitions, he placed second two times and fourth one time.

Rodriguez said the 12 weeks prior to a competition is his training period.

"When I first started I was looking at

magazines and I said, 'I can't look like this in 12 weeks,'" he said. "But for the normal person, a balanced diet and workout program works."

Before starting his 12-week training, he weighed 206 pounds with 15 percent body fat. Afterward, he weighed 185 pounds with four percent body fat.

During the first nine weeks of training, Rodriguez eats a diet with high amounts of protein, moderate carbohydrates and moderate fats. Carbohydrates during this time include whole wheat breads, sweet potatoes, brown rice and vegetables.

In the final three weeks, he cuts the rice, bread, and potatoes from his diet and sticks to salads and meats like tuna, chicken, turkey and lean beef. He said this type of diet keeps the body lean for competition.

During a five-day workweek, Rodriguez trains four days on, one day off, for an hour at a time.

"Some people think you need to be in the gym three to four hours, but you don't," he said. "Forty-five minutes to an hour is all you need, because your body grows while you're away from the gym."

For Rodriguez, going to the gym is the

easy part of training. The hard part is the diet, he said.

"Through repetition, it gets easier," he said. "In the beginning, doing away with oatmeal cookies and strawberry cheesecake was hard for me."

To help deal with the loss of his favorite foods, Rodriguez said he thinks of his eating habits as a nutritional plan, not a diet.

"If you call it a diet you're doomed to fail," he said. "It's a lifestyle."

Rodriguez said being in the right mindset is key. Set goals and follow a plan, he said.

Tech. Sgt. David Holzer, Air Force Recruiter, trains with Rodriguez and has also competed in a bodybuilding competition.

"It takes work and dedication," he said. "But the rewards are boundless."

Rodriguez plans to participate in the All Armed Forces Bodybuilding competition at Virginia Beach in September. In October, he will retire after 27 years of service. He said he will use the personal trainer certificate he has earned to help others.

"The main thing is make it fun," Rodriguez said. "Have goals, and you'll be successful."



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez shows the results of his work during the recent Mid-USA New Mexico State Body Building Championships. The chief placed third in the Masters 40-and-over division.

Date set for annual Wilderness Challenge

The Mid-Atlantic Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department is conducting the third annual "Wilderness Challenge" outdoor extreme-sports match Oct. 2 to 4 in Fayetteville, W.V.

The Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., Team "Trash Haulers," took third place in last year's event.

For two days, participants will compete in seven events including an 8-km run through mountainous terrain, a 14-mile forced hike, a 10-mile mountain bike race, a half-mile swim, a 13-mile whitewater raft race, a seven-mile combined raft, canoe and kayak race, and a war game paintball competition.

The Wilderness Challenge is open to all branches of the active-duty military including National Guard and Reserve members currently on active duty for more than 90 days. Each team will consist of four active-duty military members including at least one female. Registration for this year's event is under way. For registration information, call Michael Bond at (757) 887-7256 or visit www.wildernesschallenge.net to find more information on this year's event. (AFPN)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Park

... And the home of the brave.

From left, first basemen Jamie Ritter of the White Sands Yankees, Alexis White of the Holloman Angels, Corey Myers of the El Paso Diablos, and Marc Brantley of the Holloman Pirates, pay respect to the flag as a joint service honor guard posts the colors before the National Anthem July 18 at Diablos Stadium in El Paso. The Diablos hosted their annual military appreciation night and more than 3,700 tickets were given out between Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range personnel. The Diablos lost to the Tulsa Drillers 11-5.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Heat of the battle

(Top) Mario Bruns, a defender for the German air force 2nd Line Main team, rockets a goal kick out to the field. (Left) Marcus Perez (left), from the 49th Medical Group, and Mario Bruns (right), battle for the ball during a soccer game as William Fry, 49th MDG, (back left) and Torsten Stitz, GAF, (back right) rush up to help with the play Tuesday night. Keith Laskey, medics coach, said quick counter attacks and strong marking on defense were instrumental in the team's 2-1 win.

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Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Double dipping!

Two swimmers go airborne at Holloman’s base pool. With summer high temperatures reaching into the 100s and free admission, pool attendance is at an all-time high. Safety officials urge swimmers to follow the rules of the pool and encourage parents to maintain constant supervision when their children are at the pool or around any body of water.

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Inside Intramurals

Soccer standings

Monday/Wednesday					Tuesday/Thursday				
UNIT	W	L	D	Pct	UNIT	W	L	D	Pct
GAF Electr Sq.	1	0	0	1.000	GAF HQ	2	0	0	1.000
49th MMG	1	0	1	.750	49th MDG	2	0	0	1.000
GAF Supply	1	0	1	.750	GAF 1st Ln MX	1	1	0	.500
49th LRS	1	1	0	.500	20th FS/7th CTS	1	1	0	.500
49th CES	1	1	0	.500	GAF 2nd Ln MX	0	2	0	.000
49th SFS	0	1	0	.000	4th SPCS	0	2	0	.000
49th MXS	0	2	0	.000					

Volleyball

Large Unit				Schedule	
UNIT	W	L	Pct	Monday	
GAF A	1	0	1.000	5:30 p.m. — 46th TG vs. GAF-B	
49th MDG	1	0	1.000	6:30 p.m. — 49th CS-A vs. 49th SVS	
49th LRS	1	1	.500	7:30 p.m. — 49th FW/MSS vs. 49th MOS	
49th MMG	0	0	.000	8:30 p.m. — 4th SPCS vs. 49th CS-B	
49th MXS	0	1	.000	Tuesday	
49th SFS	0	1	.000	5:30 p.m. — 49th CES vs. 49 MDG	
49th CES	0	1	.000	6:30 p.m. — 49th MXS vs. 49th LRS	
				7:30 p.m. — 49th MMG vs. 49th GAF-A	
				8:30 p.m. — 4th MMG vs. 49th MXS	
Small Unit				Wednesday	
UNIT	W	L	Pct	5:30 p.m. — GAF-B vs. 49 FW/MSS	
46th TG	2	0	1.000	6:30 p.m. — 49th CS-A vs. 4th SPCS	
GAF B	2	0	1.000	7:30 p.m. — 46th TG vs. 49th CS-B	
4th SPCS	2	0	1.000	8:30 p.m. — 49th MOS vs. 49th SVS	
49th FW/MSS	1	1	.500	Thursday	
49th CS	1	1	.500	5:30 p.m. — 49th MMG vs. 49th LRS	
49th SVS	0	2	.000	6:30 p.m. — GAF-A vs. 49th MDG	
49th LRS B	0	2	.000	7:30 p.m. — 49th MXS vs. 49th CES	
49th MOS	0	2	.000		

